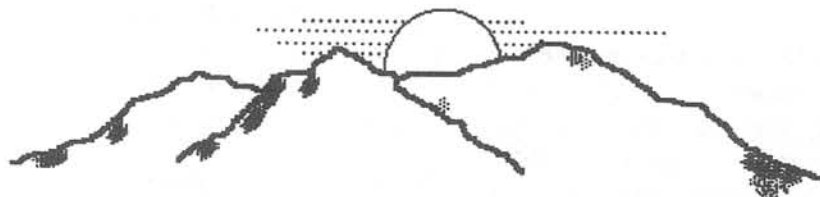




THE

# NETWORK NEWS™

March 1995



## THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DAY

Welcome to a new beginning for gay men in Tucson. Men's Social Network is designed to be your group, with hopefully, something for everyone—perhaps not every week, but enough to meet everyone's wishes. If there's something you want to do and you don't see it listed, take it upon yourself to start it! We actively encourage everyone to take a part in the organization. We think the Men's Social Network should be what you want it to be. We encourage you to join us—your gay family in Tucson.

### March Meeting

*You are cordially  
invited to join us  
for the first meeting  
of the Men's  
Social Network.*

Saturday, March 4 at 7:00 PM

**Cornerstone Fellowship Church**  
**2902 North Geronimo Avenue**  
(North East corner of Laguna & Geronimo)  
(North of Glenn, between 1st & Stone)

Join us as the groundwork is laid  
for Tucson's newest gay men's group.

This monthly meeting will be a potluck,  
so we encourage you to bring a favorite  
dish to share with your fellow members.

### MSN TO HAVE BOOTH AT THE GAY RODEO

The Men's Social Network will have a  
booth open for business on March 18  
and 19 at the Gay Rodeo. We will  
have brochures available for anyone  
who may be interested in joining the  
group, and we will hold a 50/50  
drawing to benefit some lucky winners  
and MSN. In addition to that, Les will  
be selling some of his unique  
greeting cards to anyone who may  
want something slightly tacky or  
naughty.

### "Victor/Victoria" to be the first Video Night

Scheduled to start at 7:00 pm on  
Friday, March 10, is the inaugural  
Video Night presentation of "Victor,  
Victoria." This 1982 movie runs for  
2 hours and 13 minutes, and should  
please almost everyone with its  
winning mix of comedy and cross-  
dressing. Call Les or Jerry at  
690-9565.

Transportation a problem? Call  
Jerry at 690-9565 and he'll try to  
get you hooked up with a ride  
(hey! I mean transportation!).

### FAMILY SUPPORT

**Lisa Otey**—appearing  
at Milagro's Coffee House  
on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of  
each month. She's also at  
Ain't Nobody's Bizness  
every Monday and the  
Gaslight Theater on all  
the remaining nights of the  
week!

Please visit Lisa at any or  
all of her places and support  
one of our (talented) family  
members.

MSN members are encouraged to  
join us at the rodeo. Please  
support Tucson's gay rodeo and  
come and visit us at our booth.

If you're interested in helping out  
at the booth, please feel free to  
join us for that as well—we would  
appreciate all the help we can  
get. Besides, all you really have to  
do in that booth is sell a few tickets,  
maybe a few cards, and get to know  
some new men.

Call Ray at 825-7538 for more  
details on the booth & the rodeo.



# JUST WHAT IS THE MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK?

With the formation of our new group, Men's Social Network, Tucson has been given another clear choice. Our group is different from any other organization in town.

Easy enough to say, but what do we think makes us different? First, we welcome men of all ages—from 18 to 118. If you're a man within that age range, and you want to belong to the group, be our guest—we welcome you. But that's not the only difference.

Our mission statement contains five key words which we want to see the group live up to. Those words are: Commitment, Social, Recreational, Support, and Integration. How does this impact you?

**COMMITMENT:** Each member must commit something of worth to the group. That commitment can be in almost any form. Time, money, bringing soda to a couple of events, planning a special event for the group (a picnic, a volleyball game, etc.). You get the idea. It's your

group, and to be a part of it and make it work, we all have to contribute. It's as easy or as hard as you want to make it.

**SOCIAL:** An equally important aspect to your group is the social angle. This is a non-threatening way to meet new people of all ages and walks of life. These gatherings give us a real alternative to the bar scenes. On the other hand, we'll be encouraging people to go out as a group after the meetings (to the bars or any other activity you would like to attend with a friend or two).

**RECREATIONAL:** As a group intended for all ages, we'll have the need for physical activities. There will be at least one physical activity each month, and we hope to do more on occasion with other groups in town. Recreation also includes less-physical activities such as video nights, card and board games and other events.

**SUPPORT:** Another important part of the group is support. A network of support will be built into the group as we develop ties to one another. Need help, advice, comfort? You'll have support from your gay family at the Men's Social Network.

**INTEGRATION:** Perhaps our loftiest and hardest goal to achieve. We want to integrate with other gay groups in Tucson. We'd like to have an activity planned with each group in town at one time or another. Through this span we can keep abreast of all local gay activities, and work together to have a true network for all gay people.

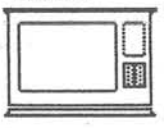


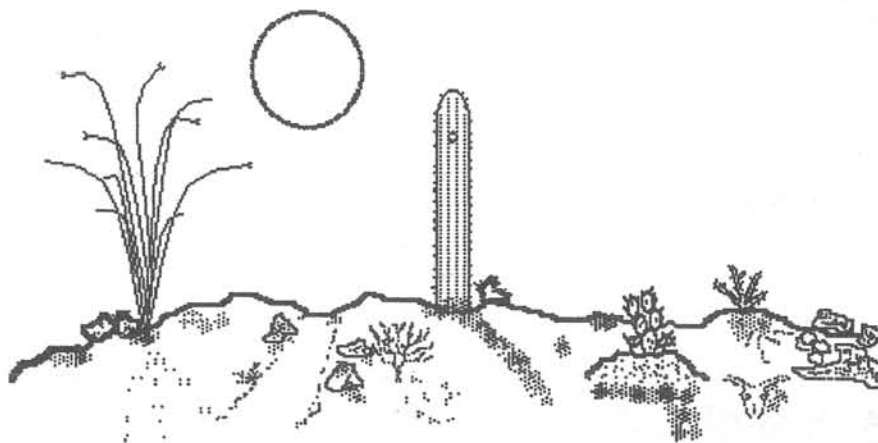
## OSCAR PARTY ON MARCH 27



An Oscar Party is planned for Monday, March 27. The party will start at 6:30 with a very special video presentation of a real Hollywood party. Call Les at 690-9565 to verify attendance.

Listed below are the coordinators of our various activities. If you would like to sponsor an event that falls into one of these categories, give that guy a call. What do we mean by sponsor? You organize the event by setting up the date, the place, and time of the activity. Want to have a video night at your place? Call Les and say you want to show "Star Wars" on April 1 at 7:00 p.m. Les will check the schedule and give you the okay if there is no conflicting event. Your activity will be listed on our next calendar—and any number of gorgeous men will be knocking at your door to part with Han Solo with you. Do it, it's fun—and a nice way to visit with your gay family.

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| <b>GAMES</b><br><br><b>Trivial Pursuit</b><br><b>John Brownlee</b><br><b>625-5172</b> | <b>PHYSICAL ACTIVITY</b><br><br><b>Glenn Eyet</b><br><b>290-4266</b> | <b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b><br><br><b>Jerry Curl</b><br><b>690-9565</b> | <b>MONTHLY PROGRAMS</b><br><b>Ray &amp; Don</b><br><b>Speakers 825-7538</b><br><b>Shows or 721-9281</b><br><b>Entertainment Business</b>       |
| <b>NEWSLETTER</b><br><br><b>Les Elliott</b><br><b>690-9565</b>                        | <b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b><br><i>Charities</i><br><b>Rodeo</b><br><b>Yxxix AIDS Walk</b><br><b>Gay Group Networking TBA</b>                                  | <b>YOUR IDEA HERE</b><br><b>Your Name</b><br><b>Your Number</b>                                                                                        | <b>VIDEO</b><br><br><b>Les Elliott</b><br><b>690-9565</b> |



## HIKING WITH GLENN & BRUNCH WITH RAY

You're invited to join Glenn and his fellow hiking enthusiasts for a two-hour hike in the Catalina State Park on Saturday, March 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Glenn will lead the hike through a pre-selected territory and finish it in time for everyone to head to Ray's house in Saddlebrook for brunch.

Not up for a two-hour hike at that time of the morning on a Saturday? Sleep in and join Ray for brunch at the more civilized hour of 11:30.

A two-hour hike too short? Stick with Glenn for the first leg and then head out on your own.

Join us for one of the activities—or both. The choice is yours, but either one should be fun. For hiking details, call Glenn at 290-4266. For details on the brunch, call Ray at 825-7538.

## OUR COMMITMENTS TO THE NETWORK

Hey, if we're going to talk about commitments, we need to start it with the founding steering committee. So what are our commitments?

Ray: Chair (the most thankless job) and program coordinator (the 2nd most thankless job).

Don: Vice-Chair and program coordinator with Ray.

John: Co-Treasurer and Game coordinator.

Glenn: Co-Treasurer and Physical activity coordinator.

Les: Secretary, video coordinator, and newsletter.

Though not a steering committee member, Jerry has agreed to be the public relations coordinator.

Those are just some of the things we have chosen to do over the course of the next year. What can you do?

# YES!



I would like to be a part of the Men's Social Network. Sure, I read the part about expecting me to take an active part (in at least a small way), but I think I'm up to the task of being a contributor to MY group. Enclosed is the ridiculous sum of a mere \$15.00 for one year's membership. I know it's a steal at twice the price (and, no, I'm not paying more!). Please get me in on the ground floor of Tucson's newest, active group for gay men.

Make check payable to: Glenn Eyet

Send the check and this form to:

Glenn Eyet  
6161 E. Grant, #9118  
Tucson AZ 85712

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

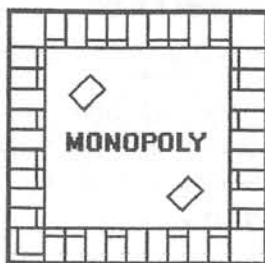
My address: \_\_\_\_\_

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My phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

(We ask for date of birth in order to get you in contact with the proper steering committee member. 20 year olds go to Glenn, 30 to Les, 40 to John and so forth.)





## GAME NIGHT (Board Games in March)

While Monopoly will be one of the games offered, it may not necessarily be played. The guests will determine which games are played that night. Among the choices: Trivial Pursuit, Can't Stop, Personal Preference, Jitters, backgammon, Scrabble and others.

If you'd like to come for board games on Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m., please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

## SPOTLIGHT ON GAY CULTURE

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) recently announced the shows and movies they deemed "fair, accurate, and inclusive" of gays. The winners: On TV, "My So Called Life" (which is currently not on ABC's schedule), "Friends," "Frasier," and "The Real World." The latter series, on MTV, had an HIV+ man featured as one of the real-life roommates. Sadly, Pedro died in December. The movie winners: "Go Fish" and (was there any doubt?) "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert."

B-Boy Blues, a work of fiction by James Earl Hardy is getting a lot of good press (and sales) lately. After being turned down by dozens of publishers, this love story of a black magazine writer who falls in love with a guy from the streets has gotten a lot of interest, in part due to the lack of material about gay black men. Why is a love story with two gay black men a novelty in the 90's?

The recent TV movie about Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer ("Serving in Silence") got mediocre ratings—but kudos to NBC for daring to air it in the important "sweeps" period.

## AGE IS ALL RELATIVE

How old is your Mom? Your grandfather? Your sister? Your uncle? Assuming you don't have some really strange nuclear (waste) family, it's a safe bet they're all different ages. Chances are you relate to each of them in some way (other than blood, that is).

That's what we want to do, too! We want every age group to be represented. That's why each of the steering committee members is of a different decade of age.

Take Glenn (and who wouldn't?!), he's a lively 20-something. Take Les (oops—he's taken)—a 30-something. Next is John—one of those feisty 40's kind of guy. Then there's Ray—a fabulous 50's if there ever was one. Our last member is Don, the sexagenarian (great age!).

They're nice guys—trust me, and a better bunch of family members you couldn't ask for. So join our family, there's someone your age to share experiences with—someone well past your age to gain experience from, and someone younger than you—to remind us all what life is about.

Men's Social Network—for young, middle-aged, mature, black, white hispanic...all of us!



## GAMES FOR GAYS: OSCAR TRIVIA

With the Academy Awards coming up on March 27, we thought it would be the right thing to do to start out with a game devoted to Oscar trivia.

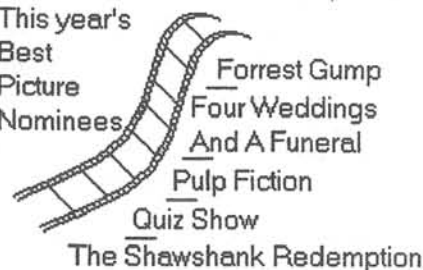
The first paid member (ah, there's a catch) who comes up with the most answers by March 10th will win a dinner out with the steering committee member of his choice.

So, let the games begin.

1. What movie sequel was the first to win Best Picture?
2. Who won Best Actor after his death?
3. Name the film(s) NOT nominated for Best Picture:  
"Bringing Up Baby"  
"The Women"  
"Spartacus"  
"The China Syndrome"
4. What Oscar winning actress had half of her jaw replaced?

If you think you know the answers, give Les or Jerry a call at 690-9565.

This year's Best Picture Nominees



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# Men's Social Network

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| 5                                                | 6                                                                       | 7                                                         | 8                                       | 9                                   | ⑩<br>VIDEO<br>"Victor /<br>Victoria"<br>6:30 pm<br>Call Jerry                              | 11                                                                     |
| 12                                               | 13                                                                      | ⑭<br>Board<br>Games<br>6:30 pm<br>Call Les at<br>690 9565 | 15                                      | 16                                  | 17<br> | ⑱<br>Tucson Gay<br>Rodeo<br>10:30 am<br>Call Glenn<br>at 290 4266      |
| ⑲<br>Tucson Gay<br>Rodeo<br>10:30 am<br>Call Don | 20                                                                      | 21                                                        | 22                                      | 23                                  | 24                                                                                         | ⑳<br>HIKE &<br>BRUNCH<br>9:30/11:30<br>Call Glenn<br>or Ray            |
| 26                                               | ⑳<br>Oscar Party<br>A Special<br>Video Series<br>at 6:30 pm<br>Call Les | 28                                                        | 29                                      | 30                                  | 31                                                                                         |                                                                        |
|                                                  | Call Ray at<br>825 7538                                                 | Call John at<br>625 5172                                  | Call Don at<br>721 9281<br>(till April) | Call Jerry or<br>Les at<br>690 9565 | Call Glenn<br>at 290 4266                                                                  |                                                                        |

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